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PROGRAMS

FALL INTO YOUR NEW FAVORITE ACTIVITY WITH THE 2015 TEMPE OPPORTUNITIES BROCHURE



The Fall 2015 Tempe Opportunities brochure is chock-full of hundreds of quality programs for all ages, stages and abilities. It can be picked up at city facilities or viewed online at Tempe.gov/Brochure. We offer quality classes, held at convenient times and locations, that are affordable for you and your family.

Registration is currently underway and can be completed in-person at a City of Tempe recreation facility, via mail, by fax or [online](http://Tempe.gov/Brochure) with a major credit card. Most classes begin the week of August 31, 2015.



Fall is the perfect time to try a new activity, re-visit an old hobby, start a fitness routine or spend time with friends and loved ones. The fall 2015 programming session offers a multitude of activities, classes and events to help you get started! We have a variety of interesting classes and programs including: Adapted Recreation, Aquatics, Arts and Crafts, Boating, Books and Reading, Business and Computers, Dance, Music and Theater, Family Activities, Health and Fitness, Special Interest and Sports.

Ready to register? Here's how:

1. Online at Tempe.gov/Brochure
2. In-person at one of the following city of Tempe facilities:
[Recreation Administration Office](#)
[Edna Vihel Activities Center](#)
[Pyle Adult Recreation Center](#)
[Kiwanis Recreation Center](#)
[Escalante Multi-Generational Center](#)
[North Tempe Multi-Generational Center](#)
3. Fax in a registration form with credit card number to 480-350-5058.
4. Mail your registration to: Class Registration, 3500 S. Rural Road, Suite 201, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

If you would like to be notified of upcoming brochure releases, please subscribe to the [E-notification](#) listserv and select the Connecting Tempe Newsletter/Tempe Opportunities Brochure option. For more information about the fall 2015 programming session, visit Tempe.gov/Brochure or call 480-350-5200.



KID ZONE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM



When the bell rings, many students run home from a fulfilling and educational day at school, only to find themselves sitting in front of the television. But at Kid Zone, students will find a fun alternative where they can participate in games, interact with friends or complete their homework assignments.

[Kid Zone Before and After School programs](#) offer a safe and structured environment for Tempe students. These programs operate at 18 Tempe and Kyrene schools, so students can conveniently travel between their classroom and Kid Zone without ever leaving campus. Once students arrive, they have daily homework time where assistance is provided from experienced, educated and dedicated Kid Zone teachers. Students can also spend time with friends playing games and participating in structured and un-structured activities.

Kid Zone integrates social skills, nutrition, physical education, fine arts and more into its Before and After School Enrichment Program to meet the individual needs of each participant. This fall, an array of engaging and fun activities have been assembled for Kid Zone participants at each site.

- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) Program: Students will be introduced to STEM concepts in a relaxed setting, allowing participants to productively engage in these learning activities
- Tablet Time: Students experience creative, hands-on learning with the use of tablets
- Olé Spanish: Participants can expand their vocabulary through the weekly Spanish curriculum
- Yo-Yo Factory Classes: Kid Zone staff has been trained by professional yo-yoers and are excited to share this one-of-a-kind specialty instruction
- Science Kits: Air rockets, lava lamps and other experiments are used to build excitement and passion for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programs

The enrichment program is licensed by the Department of Health Services and certified by the Department of Economic Services.

In addition to offering out-of-school programming, Kid Zone has its very own [preschool program](#), available for children 3 years through Pre-Kindergarten. Located at Getz School, Kid Zone Preschool gives parents the opportunity to provide their children with early childhood learning and development. Full and part-time schedules are available.

To learn more, visit [Kid Zone](#) or call 480-350-5405.



YOUR IDEAS = YOUR LIBRARY



With the popularity of the Internet, downloadable videos, music and e-books, libraries across the country are evolving to better serve today's changing needs.

The [Tempe Public Library](#) is in the process of planning its future and wants to hear from you!

What library services and public programs do you need and value most? What would you like to see added to the array of services and programs offered?



Come share your ideas at the Town Hall meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 2 at the [Tempe Public Library](#). Small table conversations about key topics will be led by staff and light refreshments will be served.

If you are not able to join us, we still want to hear from you. Please take an online survey by [clicking here](#).



LEARN TO PLAY TENNIS

The Kiwanis Tennis Center, located at 6111 S. All America Way in Tempe, is giving away free junior tennis racquets! Enroll your child in an August or September Learn to Play Junior Tennis session to take advantage of this offer.



Participants will learn the basic elements of tennis from qualified, certified instructors to ensure a positive, successful and fun experience. Six lesson sessions are available for only \$39. No equipment needed—just show up and play. It has never been easier, or more affordable, to put more play in your child's day!

Advance registration is required. To register for a class, please visit [tempe.gov/brochure](#), stop by KRC's Front Desk or contact Larry Funk or visit [tempe.gov/tennis](#).

Free tennis racquet promotion is valid for new players only. Please print this newsletter and bring it in to receive free junior racquet. Offer valid through September 12, 2015.



TIMES CHANGE BUT THE WATER RUNS ON AT TEMPE'S AQUATICS FACILITIES

It's been a great summer at Tempe's aquatics facilities and we're happy to provide residents and visitors alike so many great ways to stay cool. With our youth returning to school during the week, the hours of operation will be changing for each aquatic facility, though they will continue to operate for your late summer enjoyment.

The [Escalante Pool](#) will remain open on Saturdays and Sundays thru Sept. 6. It will also be open on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7. Admission is 75 cents for youth ages 6–17 and \$1.25 for adults ages 18 and older. Children ages 5 and under are free.

[Kiwanis Wave Pool](#) Weekend Waves run Saturdays and Sundays thru Sept. 6. Additionally, Labor Day waves will run on Monday, Sept. 7. Wave pool admission is \$5 for ages 2–12 and \$7 for ages 13 and older.

The [Splash Playground at Tempe Beach Park](#) will operate on Saturdays and Sundays through Labor Day from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Admission is free.

[Neighborhood Spray Pads](#) will continue to operate daily from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. through mid-October. Admission is free. The spray pads at Hudson and Jaycee parks are perfect for families and young children to run around and cool off. Children should always be watched by an adult while enjoying a neighborhood spray pad. No lifeguards or attendants are on duty.



NFL PUNT, PASS & KICK COMPETITION



Do you think you have the skills to become the next Peyton Manning or Larry Fitzgerald? If so, join the fun at the [NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Competition](#) in Tempe from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 5 at [Benedict Sports Complex](#).

Boys and girls ages 6-15 are invited to come out to Benedict Sports Complex and demonstrate their punting, passing

and kicking skills. Winners in each local competition (by gender and age division) will advance to the Sectional Round in October. Competitors who advance from the Sectional Round will move on to the Team Championships. From there, the top finisher in each age

bracket will have the chance to compete at the National Finals held during Super Bowl 2016.

For more information, visit the Tempe Youth Sports [Punt Pass and Kick web page](#).



BACK TO SCHOOL MEANS BACK TO LEARNING

After a relaxing summer, it can be hard for students to get back into the groove of doing their homework. Fortunately, the Tempe Public Library offers free online tools through [Brainfuse](#) to help students of all ages stimulate their brains – and finish their homework.

All you need is your Tempe Public Library card to access the free digital programs that allow students of all grades, including college, to receive live online tutoring and help with writing skills, be able to play educational flashcard games, learn languages and more.

Free computer access is available at the Tempe Public Library and Tempe's multigenerational centers. Tempe Public Library staff members are available to assist students with their questions. Stop by the concierge desk to learn more about the services offered.



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM AT ESCALANTE

The [Escalante Community Center](#) is now enrolling children ages 3 to 5 years old in its [Early Childhood Education Program](#). Preschoolers will develop social, motor and cognitive skills through participation in age-appropriate, organized activities.

The program is offered two days a week with both morning and afternoon sessions. All students must be 3 years old by August 31, 2015 and be potty-

trained to participate in the Tiny Tots program. Students must be 4 years old by September 1, 2015 to participate in the Kinder-Readiness program.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and takes place, in person, at the Escalante Community Center, 2150 E. Orange St. Tempe, 85281. For additional information, please call 480.350.5800.



TELL US ABOUT YOUR CHARACTER AREA



What makes your area unique? What do you value most in your community? Share your feedback with the City of Tempe by taking part in the Character Area planning process.

A Character Area Plan is a way of conveying the vision and goals of an area to create positive change. Once complete, the plans will be referred to by the city's Economic Development team to help guide landscape and housing options. The plans do not come with funding and cannot supersede existing code.

The city has created eight districts throughout Tempe and is currently seeking feedback for Area 4 (Apache) and Area 5 (Alameda). Share your thoughts and opinions about bike paths, shade structures, streetscapes, public art, parks and more. A workshop for Area 5 (Alameda) will be held Tuesday, August 25.

For more information on the workshops and to learn more about the Character Area process, visit tempe.gov/characterareas. You can also take a short survey if you live in Area 4 or Area 5.

A poster for Character Area 5 (Alameda). At the top, it says 'CHARACTER AREA 5' in a green banner. Below this, there are several circular images showing various scenes from the area: a park, a pond, a street scene, and a group of people. A large monarch butterfly is the central focus. Below the butterfly, the text 'Placemaking COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS' is written. Three numbered circles provide details for the workshops: 1. Saturday, April 18, 2015, Tempe Public Library, 3000 S. Rural Road, 9:45 - 11:15 AM; 2. Tuesday, August 25, 2015, Tempe Public Library, 3000 S. Rural Road, 6 - 8:00 PM; 3. Wednesday, October 28, 2015, Tempe Public Library, 3000 S. Rural Road, 6 - 8:00 PM. At the bottom, there is a section for 'Give us your word.' with a list of words: 'peaceful, safe, vibrant, healthy, beautiful, sustainable, walkable, bikeable, livable, desirable, unique, special, historic, scenic, open space, green, blue, water, trees, shade, art, culture, community, character, identity, sense of place, pride, ownership, stewardship, responsibility, respect, tolerance, diversity, inclusion, equity, justice, fairness, honesty, integrity, transparency, accountability, trust, collaboration, partnership, teamwork, leadership, vision, mission, purpose, values, beliefs, attitudes, behaviors, habits, skills, knowledge, experience, wisdom, insight, understanding, awareness, mindfulness, compassion, empathy, kindness, generosity, gratitude, joy, love, hope, faith, courage, resilience, perseverance, determination, commitment, dedication, passion, enthusiasm, energy, motivation, drive, ambition, goals, dreams, aspirations, vision, mission, purpose, values, beliefs, attitudes, behaviors, habits, skills, knowledge, experience, wisdom, insight, understanding, awareness, mindfulness, compassion, empathy, kindness, generosity, gratitude, joy, love, hope, faith, courage, resilience, perseverance, determination, commitment, dedication, passion, enthusiasm, energy, motivation, drive, ambition, goals, dreams, aspirations.' The poster also includes the website 'tempe.gov/characterareas' and the email 'characterareas@tempe.gov'. At the bottom, there is a section for 'QUALITY OF LIFE' with a list of words: 'walkability, bikeability, safety, livability, beauty, scenic, open space, green, blue, water, trees, shade, art, culture, community, character, identity, sense of place, pride, ownership, stewardship, responsibility, respect, tolerance, diversity, inclusion, equity, justice, fairness, honesty, integrity, transparency, accountability, trust, collaboration, partnership, teamwork, leadership, vision, mission, purpose, values, beliefs, attitudes, behaviors, habits, skills, knowledge, experience, wisdom, insight, understanding, awareness, mindfulness, compassion, empathy, kindness, generosity, gratitude, joy, love, hope, faith, courage, resilience, perseverance, determination, commitment, dedication, passion, enthusiasm, energy, motivation, drive, ambition, goals, dreams, aspirations.' The poster also includes the website 'tempe.gov/characterareas' and the email 'characterareas@tempe.gov'. At the bottom, there is a section for 'QUALITY OF LIFE' with a list of words: 'walkability, bikeability, safety, livability, beauty, scenic, open space, green, blue, water, trees, shade, art, culture, community, character, identity, sense of place, pride, ownership, stewardship, responsibility, respect, tolerance, diversity, inclusion, equity, justice, fairness, honesty, integrity, transparency, accountability, trust, collaboration, partnership, teamwork, leadership, vision, mission, purpose, values, beliefs, attitudes, behaviors, habits, skills, knowledge, experience, wisdom, insight, understanding, awareness, mindfulness, compassion, empathy, kindness, generosity, gratitude, joy, love, hope, faith, courage, resilience, perseverance, determination, commitment, dedication, passion, enthusiasm, energy, motivation, drive, ambition, goals, dreams, aspirations.'

YOUTH CAN GRAB A SEAT AND RIDE FOR FREE IN TEMPE

The more students know about their transit system and alternative modes of transportation, the wiser their transit choices will be. The choices are easier to make in Tempe with many transportation options available, coupled with a free Youth Transit Pass!

[Tempe's Youth Transit Pass](http://tempe.gov/YouthTransitPass) program allows youth ages 6 to 18 who live in Tempe to ride all Valley Metro bus routes and the METRO light rail for free. Tempe has started issuing new transit passes to current and new participants of the Tempe Youth Free Transit Pass program. The new passes are valid July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.

Special on-site registration will be held at the [Tempe History Museum](http://tempehistorymuseum.org), on Saturday, Aug. 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free passes are also available at the [Tempe Transit Store](http://tempe.gov/TransitStore), from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



A parent or guardian must accompany the youth when registering for this program. Be sure to bring your most recent utility bill (dated within the last 60 days) with a Tempe address, as well as the youth's birth certificate and a valid driver's license/photo ID of parent/guardian. For more information, including registration forms, contact the Tempe Transit Store at 480-858-2350 or visit us online at tempe.gov/TIM.





To receive up-to-date information about exciting events and opportunities happening between Connecting Tempe newsletters, become a fan of Tempe Opportunities on [Facebook](#).

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, Aug. 25

[Character Area 5 Meeting](#)

6–8 p.m.; [Tempe Public Library – Meeting Room A](#)

Friday, Aug. 28

[Hello Friday](#)

6–8 p.m.; [Tempe Center for the Arts Lounge](#)

Saturday, Aug. 29

[Saturday Storytime](#)

10:30 – 11 a.m.; [Tempe Public Library – Storytime Room](#)

Saturday, Aug. 29

[Tempe's Youth Transit Pass](#) Special On-Site Registration

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; [Tempe History Museum](#)

Monday, Aug. 31

Fall 2015 Classes and Leagues begin

[Tempe.gov/Brochure](#)

Wednesday, Sept. 2

[Tempe Public Library Town Hall](#)

6 p.m.; [Tempe Public Library – Meeting Room A](#)

Saturday, Sept. 5

[Punt, Pass & Kick Local Competition](#)

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; [Benedict Sports Complex](#)

Monday, Sept. 7

Labor Day

City of Tempe Administrative Offices Closed



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